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Trudovak Labor Army; Officials and Units of
2 Oblast

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1. The Director of the Labor Army is Colonel Angel Tsanev
The Labor Army has the following branches:

- a. Political Branch, directed by Colonel Yanko Kaneti.
- b. Control Branch, directed by Colonel Zmiyarov.
- c. Supply Unit, directed by Colonel Shishkov.
- d. Hygiene Unit
- e. Personnel Unit

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2. Since the re-organization of the Labor Army in early 1951 each Oblast specializes in a particular job. The 2 Oblast, which has its headquarters in Stara Zagora, handles construction of military projects. The 2 Oblast receives orders from the Ministry of National Defense and from the Directorate of Special Projects. The 6 Oblast of Pleven handles the construction of new roads and the maintenance of old ones. The 7 Oblast of Radomir handles mining work.
3. In early 1951 the names of the units were changed as follows:
- a. The battalion was changed from "Batalion" to "Groupe"
 - b. The company was changed from "Rota" to "Cheta"
 - c. The platoon was changed from "Zvod" to "Yadro"
4. Each brigade of an Oblast has two battalions of 1,200 to 1,300 men each. Each battalion has three companies and each company has three platoons; each platoon has eight to ten groups.
5. The commander of 2 Oblast is Lieutenant Colonel Delcho Delchev; the assistant commander and political commissar is Major Penchev. Other officers included:

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- a. Captain Vulkov [redacted] Information Officer 50X1-HUM
- b. Lieutenant Colonel Pashov [redacted] brigade commander of the
brigade [redacted]
- c. First Lieutenant Giourov, assistant commander and political commissar
of the battalion [redacted] 50X1-HUM
6. Units of 2 Oblast are in the following cities:
- a. One brigade [redacted] is at Peshtera (RF-1191) 50X1-HUM
- b. One battalion [redacted] of the above brigade is at Svilengrad;
two of its companies are at Novo Selo and Siva Reka.
- c. One battalion is at Chorbadzhiysko (RG-0015)
- d. Unspecified units are at Karlovo, probably enlarging the airfield there.
7. The commander of 6 Oblast was Lieutenant Colonel Kunchev. The Political
Commissar was Captain Goranov.
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